

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
Bremerton MGP Waste Release - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region X

**Subject:** POLREP #3  
Bremerton MGP Waste Release  
10JS  
Bremerton, WA  
Latitude: 45.5782900 Longitude: -122.6423300

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**From:** Kathy Parker, OSC

**Date:** 10/25/2010

**Reporting Period:** 10/18/2010 - 10/24/2010

## **1. Introduction**

### **1.1 Background**

<b>Site Number:</b>	10JS	<b>Contract Number:</b>	
<b>D.O. Number:</b>		<b>Action Memo Date:</b>	
<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA	<b>Response Type:</b>	Emergency
<b>Response Lead:</b>	EPA	<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL	<b>Operable Unit:</b>	Beach
<b>Mobilization Date:</b>	10/5/2010	<b>Start Date:</b>	10/5/2010
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>Completion Date:</b>	
<b>CERCLIS ID:</b>	WAN001002907	<b>RCRIS ID:</b>	
<b>ERNS No.:</b>		<b>State Notification:</b>	
<b>FPN#:</b>		<b>Reimbursable Account #:</b>	

#### **1.1.1 Incident Category**

This incident started with the Kitsap Health District investigating reports of sheens between 8/20/2010 and 10/4/2010 and then finding a subsurface concrete pipe on the beach leaking a black oily material to beach sediment and marine waters. EPA conducted a site visit within 24 hours of receiving the report, which then transitioned to a removal assessment and sampling, which then transitioned to an emergency response removal action (deployment of boom within 24 hours of receiving report from Kitsap Health District). The incident then transferred to the USCG who performed a removal assessment, followed two nights later by a USCG removal action (deployment of two-level boom), followed the next night by a joint USCG/EPA removal assessment and sampling event.

#### **1.1.2 Site Description**

The rocky marine beach adjacent to and north of the Old Bremerton Gasworks site.

##### **1.1.2.1 Location**

The beach north of 1725 Pennsylvania Avenue, Bremerton, WA 98310.

##### **1.1.2.2 Description of Threat**

Release of Coal Gas Tar (containing PAHs above Regional Screening levels for residential soil) from a leaking concrete pipe joint to the beach and Washington Narrows marine water.

#### **1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results**

Visible black oily contamination at beach surface appears to cover approximately a 100 foot square of visible beach surface, starting approximately 60 feet below high tide mark. Visible contamination extends to an unknown depth of soil (but at least two feet bgs in places) and continues out into the water below the low tide line. Sheens have been reported drifting at least as far west as the Port of Washington Narrows marina.

## **2. Current Activities**

### **2.1 Operations Section**

#### **2.1.1 Narrative**

Cascade Natural Gas contacted EPA and USCG on 10/18/2010 and volunteered to perform a removal assessment and removal action. Site visits by their contractors started this week and continued through the weekend on Saturday when the low low tide was around midnight. EPA OSC Parker met with their contractor and the Pacific Strike Team on Sunday and discussed their proposed investigation and clean-up plan. EPA started drafting an Action Memo, an Agreed Order on Consent and a Statement of Work.

#### **2.1.2 Response Actions to Date**

Boom still being inspected and maintained by USCG.

#### **2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)**

Research on additional PRPs is continuing.

Natacha Sesko and Trip McConkey have both given verbal permission to USCG, EPA and Cascade Natural Gas and their contractors to access the beach through and stage equipment on their properties.

#### **2.1.4 Progress Metrics**

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Manifest #</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Disposal</i>

### **2.2 Planning Section**

#### **2.2.1 Anticipated Activities**

Site work is expected to start on 10/25 with utility locating, followed by preparing the Sesko site for heavy equipment and starting to pothole the beach to locate pipes.

##### **2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities**

##### **2.2.1.2 Next Steps**

##### **2.2.2 Issues**

## 2.3 Logistics Section

## 2.4 Finance Section

### Estimated Costs \*

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
<b>Extramural Costs</b>				
ERRS - Cleanup Contractor	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$20,000.00	80.00%
START	\$32,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$23,000.00	71.88%
<b>Intramural Costs</b>				
<b>Total Site Costs</b>	<b>\$57,000.00</b>	<b>\$14,000.00</b>	<b>\$43,000.00</b>	<b>75.44%</b>

\* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

## 2.5 Safety Officer

The new ICS Safety Officer is Anchorqea's Ed Berschinski.

## 2.6 Liaison Officer

## 2.7 Information Officer

### 2.7.1 Public Information Officer

EPA's Public Information Officer is Hanady Kader. USCG's is Jon Lane. WDNR's is Jane Chavez.

### 2.7.2 Community Involvement Coordinator

Cascade Natural Gas' CIC is Mark Hanson

## 3. Participating Entities

### 3.1 Unified Command

Unified command currently consists of EPA (OSC Kathy Parker), USCG (FOSCR Danielle Wood), WDNR (represented by Spill Responder Shane Cothorn), and the Kitsap Health District (represented by Grant Holdcroft).

As of 10/9/2010, USCG and EPA have agreed that the USCG will take the lead on response activities occurring on marine water and tidal land below the high water mark and EPA will take the lead on response activities occurring on land inland from the high water mark. EPA will support the USCG with sampling and air monitoring as needed. WDNR, while staying engaged in the planning, has declined to perform any assessment or removal activities and has requested that EPA or USCG perform all necessary actions.

On 10/19/2010 and 10/21/2010, Unified Command meetings were held.

### **3.2 Cooperating and Assisting Agencies**

The City of Bremerton Mayor Patty Lent has been briefed on the site and activities through 10/8/2010. She has stated that she fully supports the anticipated removal activities and has offered assistance in contacting and negotiating the cooperation of the Sesko property owner.

The Suquamish Tribal Chairman has been briefed on the site activities through 10/8/2010 and the shellfish bed closure in the area.

The Washington Department of Ecology referred the Kitsap Health District to EPA for assistance in addressing the black oily release. WDOE remains engaged on this response and participates in UC meetings.

## **4. Personnel On Site**

## **5. Definition of Terms**

KHD = Kitsap Health District

WDNR = Washington Department of Natural Resources

USCG = United States Coast Guard, Sector Puget Sound

EPA = United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, Office of Environmental Cleanup

PIO = Public Information Officer

CIC = Community Involvement Coordinator

ERRS = Emergency and Rapid Response Services contractor to EPA

START = Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team contractor to EPA

## **6. Additional sources of information**

### **6.1 Internet location of additional information/reports**

R10FTPUser/START Final Deliverables/Labaw/07-01-0008\_Bremerton Gasworks/ 1.4\_8-11-

09\_Bremerton Gasworks\_Final Targeted Brownfields Assessment Report.pdf, 55.97 Mb

## **6.2 Reporting Schedule**

EPA Polreps for this site will be published weekly whenever EPA performs any on-site response activities.

## **7. Situational Reference Materials**